

Electronic housing 960 includes processor 2266 (or control and communications board) and lamp driver circuit 2280. The lamp housing 970 includes fan 2270, motor 950, substrate 912, and variable filter 1913.

The variable filter 1913 in the state shown by FIG. 12A causes the concentration of light 927a from for example LED 912a to come out of the filter in the same direction as shown by arrow 1913a. As in FIG. 12B the light emitted by the LED 912A may be diffused by the variable filter 1913. For simplicity the connecting wires that supply the signal to vary the filter are not shown.

The electronic housing 960 that may be the base of the multiparameter light may also house the various power supplies and control circuits. In FIG. 12C the electronic housing 960 is connected to the lamp housing 970 by means of a bearing assembly 2264. The bearing assembly 2264 is shown simplified. The control circuit supply wires 2282 for the plurality of light sources, such as 912a, is sent from the lamp driver circuit 2280 through the bearing assembly 2264. The fan 2270 is connected via power supply wires 2268 to a fan control circuit located on the control and communications board 2266. Not all the wiring that passes through the bearing assembly 2264 is shown for the sake of simplicity. One bearing assembly 2264 is shown for simplicity however multiple bearing assemblies are commonly used to allow the lamp housing 970 to pan and tilt in relation to the electronic housing 960. Motors (not shown) are used as in the prior art to remotely control the position of the lamp housing 970 in relation to the electronic housing 960.

A control signal is applied to the communications board 2266 via communications line 2295. The communications board 2266 may provide a signal to the control circuit 2280 via communications line 2290 that provides information as to how the plurality of light sources such as 912a may be controlled as well as supply control information to the filter 1913 via control wires (not shown). The control circuit 2280 may receive power from a power source via wires 2294. The power source may be any suitable means of supplying electricity.

Within the lamp housing 970, a motor 950 is shown that provides the mechanical means to deform the substrate 912 that houses the LEDs 912a. The motor control wires are not shown for simplicity. The substrate 912 is constructed with strategically placed ventilation holes such as those shown in FIG. 9A and 9B. Cooling air 2276, 2272a, and 2272b is moved through the fan 970, the ventilation holes in substrate 912, and the ventilation ports 2274a and 2274b. The airflow may be exhausted by the fan or the fan may pressurize the lamp housing to exhaust the air through ports 2274a and 2274b.

In FIG. 12C the plurality of light sources i.e. LEDs 912a, may be controlled directly by the control circuit 2280 as shown. A control circuit may also be fixed on to the flexible substrate 912 and a communications node also fixed to the substrate 912, may receive control communications directed by the communications processor board 2266 or communications from the control circuit 2280. Each of the LEDs 912a may be individually controlled by the control circuit 2280. The control circuit 2280 may control a plurality of parameters of each LED such as the intensity and on-off parameters of each LED of LEDs 912a.

I claim:

1. An apparatus comprising:

a flexible substrate to which a plurality of light sources are fixed;

a flexible substrate housing in which the flexible substrate is located;

wherein the flexible substrate is comprised of a peripheral region and a center region;

and further comprising a flexing device for flexing the flexible substrate by applying pressure to the center region of the flexible substrate to cause the flexible substrate to deform;

and wherein in a first state when the flexible substrate is not deformed by the flexing device, each of the plurality of light sources emits light which is concentrated in a first direction;

and wherein in a second state when the flexible substrate has been deformed by the flexing device, at least one of the plurality of light sources emits light which is concentrated in a second direction which differs from the first direction; and

wherein the flexible substrate housing is comprised of a removable holder and a case;

wherein the flexing device is comprised of the removable holder and the case;

and wherein the removable holder can be connected onto the case; and

and wherein the connecting of the removable holder onto the case can cause the flexible substrate to deform.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 and wherein

the removable holder can be connected to the case by variably tightening the removable holder to the case to thereby apply a variable amount of pressure to the flexible substrate and a corresponding variable amount of deformation of the flexible substrate.

3. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein

the removable holder when tightened causes the center region of the flexible substrate to be forced upwards by a surface of a battery.

4. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein

the removable holder when screwed tightly causes the center region of the flexible substrate to be forced upwards by a terminal of a battery.

5. The apparatus of claim 1 and wherein

the removable holder is in the form of a cover and the case is in the form of a flashlight case.

6. An apparatus comprising:

a flexible substrate to which a plurality of light sources are fixed;

a flexible substrate housing in which the flexible substrate is located;

wherein the flexible substrate is comprised of a peripheral region and a center region;

and further comprising a flexing device for flexing the substrate by applying pressure to the center region of the flexible substrate to cause the flexible substrate to deform;

wherein in a first state when the flexible substrate is not deformed by the flexing device each of the plurality of light sources emits light which is concentrated in a first direction;

wherein in a second state when the flexible substrate has been deformed by the flexing device at least one of the plurality of light sources emits light which is concentrated in a second direction which differs from the first direction;

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and wherein the flexible substrate is comprised of a center electrical terminal located at the center region of the flexible substrate and wherein the flexing device makes electrical contact with the center electrical terminal of the flexible substrate when the flexing device applies pressure to the center region of the flexible substrate.

7. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein

each light source on the flexible substrate has a first terminal and a second terminal,

and each first and second terminal is electrically connected to its own first and second conductive material on the flexible substrate, respectively;

wherein the first conductive materials for all the light sources are electrically connected to a center conductive material on the flexible substrate;

wherein the second conductive materials for all the light sources are electrically connected to a peripheral conductive material on the flexible substrate;

and wherein by applying a positive terminal of a signal source to the center conductive material and by applying a negative terminal of the signal source to the peripheral conductive material, the plurality of light sources can be turned on.

8. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein

each light source on the flexible substrate has a first terminal and a second terminal,

and each first and second terminal is electrically connected to its own first and second conductive material on the flexible substrate, respectively;

wherein the first conductive materials for all the light sources are electrically connected to a center conductive material on the flexible substrate;

wherein the second conductive materials for all the light sources are electrically connected to its own separate distinct peripheral conductive material on the flexible substrate;

and wherein by applying a positive terminal of a signal source to the center conductive material and by applying a negative terminal of the signal source to the appropriate peripheral conductive material, a particular light source can be turned on.

9. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein

the plurality of light sources are light emitting diodes.

10. An apparatus comprising:

a flexible substrate to which a plurality of light sources are fixed;

a flexible substrate housing in which the flexible substrate is located;

wherein the flexible substrate is comprised of a peripheral region and a center region;

and further comprising a flexing device for flexing the substrate by applying pressure to the center region of the flexible substrate to cause the flexible substrate to deform;

wherein the flexible substrate housing applies pressure to the peripheral region of the flexible substrate in a substantially opposite direction to the pressure being applied to the center region and while pressure is being applied to the center region of the flexible substrate;

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and wherein in a first state when the flexible substrate is not deformed by the flexing device each of the plurality of light sources emits light which is concentrated in a first direction;

and wherein in a second state when the flexible substrate has been bent by the flexing device at least one of the plurality of light sources emits light which is concentrated in a second direction which differs from the first direction; and

wherein the flexing device is comprised of a battery having a first terminal, wherein the first terminal of the battery applies pressure to the center region of the flexible substrate to cause the flexible substrate to deform.

11. An apparatus comprising:

a flexible substrate to which a plurality of light sources are fixed;

a flexible substrate housing in which the flexible substrate is located;

wherein the flexible substrate is comprised of a peripheral region and a center region;

and further comprising a flexing device for flexing the substrate by applying pressure to the center region of the flexible substrate to cause the flexible substrate to deform;

and wherein in a first state when the flexible substrate is not deformed by the flexing device, each of the plurality of light sources emits light which is concentrated in a first direction;

and wherein in a second state when the flexible substrate has been bent by the flexing device at least one of the plurality of light sources emits light which is concentrated in a second direction which differs from the first direction;

wherein each light source on the flexible substrate has a first terminal and a second terminal, each first and second terminal is electrically connected to its own first and second conductive material on the flexible substrate, respectively;

wherein the first conductive materials for all the light sources are electrically connected to a center conductive material on the flexible substrate;

wherein the second conductive materials for all the light sources are electrically connected to a peripheral conductive material on the flexible substrate;

and wherein by applying a positive terminal of a signal source to the center conductive material and by applying a negative terminal of the signal source to the peripheral conductive material, the plurality of light sources can be turned on.

12. An apparatus comprising:

a flexible substrate to which a plurality of light sources are fixed;

a flexible substrate housing in which the flexible substrate is located;

wherein the flexible substrate is comprised of a first region and a second region;

and further comprising a flexing device for flexing the substrate by applying pressure in a first direction to the

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second region of the flexible substrate and simultaneously applying pressure in a second direction to the first region of the flexible substrate, wherein the first direction is substantially opposite the second direction, to cause the flexible substrate to deform; 5

and wherein in a first state when the flexible substrate is not deformed by the flexing device each of the plurality of light sources emits light which is concentrated in a third direction;

and wherein in a second state when the flexible substrate has been deformed by the flexing device at least one of the plurality of light sources emits light which is

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concentrated in a fourth direction which differs from the third direction; and

wherein the flexible substrate housing is comprised of a removable holder and a case;

wherein the flexing device is comprised of the removable holder and the case;

and wherein the removable holder can be connected to the case; and

and wherein the connecting of the removable holder onto the case can cause the flexible substrate to deform.

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